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In the Application of:

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FOR: AROMATIC POLYAMIDE RESIN
COMPOSITION HAVING EXCELLENT
BALANCE OF TOUGHNESS AND
STIFFNESS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Before examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete claims 1, 2 and 4 and enter new claims 1, 2 and 3 as follows:

Rule 1.126
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1. An aromatic polyamide resin composition consisting of an aromatic polyamide resin having a melting point of at least 290°C, an inorganic filler, and an elastomeric impact modifier wherein the composition has a ratio of the weight M of said inorganic filler to the weight T of said impact modifier of $2.0 \leq M/T \leq 6.5$.

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2. An aromatic polyamide resin composition of claim 1 wherein the composition has a melt viscosity, measured with a capillary rheometer at a shear rate of 1000/sec and a process temperature 20-30° C higher than the melting point of said aromatic polyamide resin, of 350 Pa sec or less.

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3. The aromatic resin composition of Claim 1 wherein the elastomeric impact modifier is ethylene/propylene/diene monomer copolymer rubber.